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SUBJECT: JOINT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES: QUALITATIVE LIMITATIONS ON STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS (SALT TWO-1838)

REFS: (A) SALT TWO-1831 (B) SALT TWO-1809 (C) STATE
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1. DURING DRAFTING GROUP MEETING HELD AUGUST 4 (REF A), SOVIETS TABLED FOLLOWING REVISED FORMULATION FOR SECOND SUBPARAGRAPH OF THIRD SECTION OF JOINT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES, WHICH LISTS SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES FOR SALT THREE. BEGIN TEXT. QUALITATIVE LIMITATIONS ON STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS, INCLUDING RESTRICTIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT, TESTING, AND DEPLOYMENT OF NEW TYPES AND SYSTEMS OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS AND ON THE MODERNIZATION OF EXISTING STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS. END TEXT.

2. EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO "QUALITATIVE LIMITATIONS ON STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS" IS NOT CURRENTLY A PART OF THE US PROPOSAL FOR THIS SUBPARAGRAPH ("RESTRICTIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT, TESTING, AND DEPLOYMENT OF NEW TYPES OF
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STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS AND ON THE MODERNIZATION OF EXISTING STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS"). HOWEVER, DELEGATION BELIEVES SUCH A REFERENCE TO BE CONSISTENT WITH US POLICY AND IN US INTEREST, AS WELL AS IN CONFORMITY WITH FIRST SECTION OF JOINT STATEMENT, WHICH CONTAINS AN AGREED REFERENCE TO "FURTHER QUALITATIVE LIMITATION" OF STRATEGIC ARMS. (FYI: AN EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO SUCH QUALITATIVE LIMITA-

TIONS FORMERLY APPEARED IN THE US PROPOSAL FOR THE THIRD SECTION BUT WAS DELETED IN THE PROCESS OF MAKING THE LANGUAGE OF THAT SECTION MORE GENERAL. REFERENCE TO STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE REPEAT OFFENSIVE ARMS IN THIS CONTEXT IS IN US INTEREST (AND CONSISTENT WITH REFS B AND C), SINCE LIMITATIONS ON SUCH ARMS ARE MENTIONED IN THE THIRD SECTION AS A SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE, NOT A PRINCIPLE, FOR SALT THREE. END FYI.)

3. THEREFORE, DELEGATION REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT ABOVE PROPOSED SOVIET LANGUAGE (EXCEPT FOR "AND SYSTEMS").
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